

NATIONAL SUMMARY OF MEATS GRADED
(POUNDS IN THOUSANDS)

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DECEMBER		FOUR WEEK TOTALS					12/01/02 TO 12/28/02		
BEEF									
QUALITY GRADE	YIELD GRADE					QUALITY ONLY	TOTAL QUALITY GRADED THIS PD	% OF ALL QUALITY GRADED	% OF TOTAL STEER AND HEIFER SLAUGHTER
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5				
PRIME	382	10,730	31,039	4,774	1,135	12,103	60,163	4.1	3.7
CHOICE	33,354	310,656	443,039	39,488	4,763	55,411	886,710	60.0	55.0
SELECT	74,048	256,380	166,682	9,086	793	23,589	530,578	35.9	32.9
STANDARD	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.0	0.0
COMMERCIAL	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.0	
UTILITY	0	0	0	0	0	233	233	0.0	
CUTTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
CANNER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
YIELD ONLY	13,569	21,289	14,289	1,776	261				
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	121,352	599,055	655,049	55,124	6,952				
% OF ALL YIELD GRADED	8.4	41.7	45.6	3.8	0.5				

94.8% of Federal Inspected Steer and Heifer slaughter represents total Steers and Heifers Graded.

0.1% of Federal Inspected Cow slaughter represents total Cows graded.

81.5% of Federal Inspected Beef slaughter represents total Beef (Steers, Heifers, and Cows) graded.

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LAMB AND MUTTON									VEAL AND CALF		
QUALITY GRADE	YIELD GRADE					QUALITY ONLY	TOTAL QUALITY GRADED THIS PD	% OF ALL QUALITY GRADED	QUALITY GRADE	TOTAL THIS PD	%
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5						
PRIME	1	133	379	231	75	0	818	6.2	PRIME	320	6.9
CHOICE	496	4,344	5,719	1,479	231	0	12,269	93.8	CHOICE	4,321	92.6
GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	GOOD	24	0.5
UTILITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	STANDARD	0	0.0
CULL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	UTILITY	0	0.0
YIELD ONLY	0	0	0	0	0				TOTAL	4,665	100.0
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	497	4,477	6,098	1,710	306				29.2% of Federal Veal and Calf slaughter represents total Veal and Calf graded.		
% OF ALL YIELD GRADED	3.8	34.2	46.6	13.1	2.3				TOTAL BULL/BULLOCK		0
									TOTAL PORK		

84.0% of Federal Inspected Lamb slaughter represents total Lambs Graded.

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	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5				
PRIME	474	13,322	38,537	5,927	1,409	15,027	74,696	4.0%	3.7
CHOICE	41,411	385,695	550,055	49,026	5,913	68,795	1,100,895	60.0%	55.0
SELECT	91,934	318,309	206,944	11,281	985	29,287	658,740	35.9%	32.9
STANDARD	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.0%	0.0
COMMERCIAL	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.0%	
UTILITY	0	0	0	0	0	397	397	0.0%	
CUTTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
CANNER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
YIELD ONLY	16,846	26,431	17,741	2,205	324				
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	150,665	743,757	813,277	68,439	8,631				
% OF ALL YIELD GRADED	8.4%	41.6%	45.5%	3.8%	0.4%				

LAMB AND MUTTON

QUALITY GRADE	YIELD GRADE					QUALITY ONLY	TOTAL QUALITY GRADED THIS PD	% OF ALL QUALITY GRADED
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5			
PRIME	9	1,948	5,551	3,380	1,093	0	11,981	6.2%
CHOICE	7,272	63,644	83,790	21,673	3,385	0	179,764	93.7%
GOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
UTILITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
CULL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YIELD ONLY	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	7,281	65,592	89,341	25,053	4,478			
YIELD GRADED	3.7%	34.2%	46.5%	13.0%	2.3%			

VEAL AND CALF

QUALITY GRADE	TOTAL THIS PD	%
PRIME	1,707	6.8%
CHOICE	23,043	92.6%
GOOD	130	0.5%
STANDARD	0	0.0%
UTILITY	0	0.0%
TOTAL	24,880	

TOTAL BULL/BULLOCK 0
TOTAL PORK 0

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